



## World Youth Skill Day

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### Why in News

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Every year, 15<sup>th</sup> July is observed as the **World Youth Skills Day**.

It was designated by the **United Nations General Assembly (UNGA)** in 2014.

### Key Points

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- **About:**
  - **Aim:**
    - To equip young people around the world with **essential skills for employment, work, and entrepreneurship**.
    - To achieve the **Incheon Declaration: Education 2030**, “which devotes considerable attention to technical and vocational skills development, specifically regarding access to affordable quality **technical and vocational education and training (TVET) institutions**.”
      - This vision is fully captured by **Sustainable Development Goal-4**, which aims to “**Ensure inclusive and equitable quality education and promote lifelong learning opportunities for all**”.
    - To eliminate **gender disparity**.
  - **Theme for 2021:**
    - ‘Reimagining Youth Skills Post-Pandemic’.
- **State of Youth Employment and Schools during Covid-19:**
  - According to the estimates of **UNESCO**, schools were **shut down for over 30 weeks** in **50% of the countries** between **March 2020 and May 2021**.
  - **Respondents to a survey of the TVET**, which was jointly collected by **UNESCO**, **the ILO** and **the World Bank**, revealed that **distance learning was the most common way of imparting skills**.
  - Youth employment fell **8.7% last year**, compared with **3.7% for adults**.

- **Announcement by India:**
  - The **Prime Minister** announced the **75 newly sanctioned Jan Shikshan Sansthan (JSSs)** and also launched a portal made specifically for **JSS**. **JSSs** aim to provide **vocational training to non-literates, neo-literates as well as school dropouts in rural areas**, by identifying skills that might be relevant to the market of that region.
  - Curriculum was launched of **57 new courses aligned with industry demand**.

## Steps taken by India for Skilling Youth

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- **Industrial Training Centres (ITIs):** Conceptualized in the year 1950, aims to expand and modernize the existing Long-Term Training ecosystem in India.
- **Pradhan Mantri Kaushal Vikas Yojana (PMKVY):** Launched in 2015, it aims to provide free skill training avenues to youths of India.
  - Pradhan Mantri Kaushal Vikas Yojana 3.0:** It is launched 2021 in a bid to empower India's youth with employable skills by making over 300 skill courses available to them.
- **Recognition of Prior Learning:** It was launched in 2015 to **recognize the prior skills acquired by individuals**. It is one of the key components of **PMKVY**.
  - Under this an individual with a certain set of skills or with prior learning experience is assessed and certified under RPL with grade according to the **National Skills Qualification Framework (NSQF)**.
- **National Career Service Project:** Launched in 2015 to offer **free online career skills training through its National Career Service (NCS) project** for job-seekers registered with it.
- **Skill Management and Accreditation of Training Centres (SMART):** It provides a **single window IT application** that focuses on the accreditation, grading, Affiliation and Continuous monitoring of the Training Centres (TC) in the skill ecosystem.
- **Skills Acquisition and Knowledge Awareness for Livelihood (SANKALP):** Its focus is on **district-level skilling ecosystem** through convergence and coordination. It is a **Centrally Sponsored Scheme** which is collaborated with the World Bank.
- **Skills Strengthening for Industrial Value Enhancement:** STRIVE scheme is a **World Bank assisted-Government of India project** with the objective of improving the relevance and efficiency of skills training provided through ITIs and apprenticeships.
- **Pradhan Mantri YUVA Yojana (Yuva Udyamita Vikas Abhiyan):** Launched in the year 2016, it aims at creating an enabling ecosystem for Entrepreneurship development through Entrepreneurship education and training; Advocacy and easy access to entrepreneurship support network and Promoting social enterprises for inclusive growth.
- **Young, Upcoming and Versatile Authors' (YUVA) scheme,** a mentorship programme to train young authors.

- **Kaushalacharya Awards**: Launched to recognize the contribution made by skill trainers and to motivate more trainers to join the Skill India Mission.
- **Scheme for Higher Education Youth in Apprenticeship and Skills (SHREYAS)**: The scheme is to **provide industry apprenticeship opportunities** to the general graduates exiting in April 2019 through the **National Apprenticeship Promotion Scheme (NAPS)**.
- **Atmanirbhar Skilled Employee Employer Mapping (ASEEM)**: Launched in 2020, it is a portal to help skilled people find sustainable livelihood opportunities.

### **Special Initiatives for Tribal Community**

- **'Going Online As Leaders' -GOAL** are helping tribal population with areas like art and culture, handicraft, textiles and digital literacy among tribal areas leading to entrepreneurship development among the tribal population.
- Similarly, **Van Dhan Yojna** is effectively connecting the tribal society with new opportunities.

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